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To: All Municipalities and Local Service Districts, Inuit Community Governments, and Consultants

Re: New Intake for Federal Government Program

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This circular aims to inform local governments about a funding opportunity from the Government of Canada.

The Department of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) has announced the launch of the Rural Transit Solutions Fund's **Capital Projects Stream**. This new stream intake, under the Canada Public Transit Fund, supports the development and expansion of locally driven transit solutions.

HICC recognizes the diversity of Canada's rural and remote communities and their unique transit needs. The Fund supports a range of public transit models including fixed-routes, on-demand transit and micromobility services, such as e-bikes.

The intake deadline is 3:00pm (Eastern), on March 4th, 2025, and April 8th, 2025, 3:00pm (Eastern) for Indigenous Applicants.

Under the Capital Projects stream, eligible organizations with at least two years of transit experience, including local governments working in partnership with experienced transit organizations, or a completed public transit feasibility study (dated after January 1, 2020) can apply for a federal contribution of up to \$10 million. Organizations with less than two years of experience and no recent feasibility study may still qualify for up to \$250,000 in federal funding. This funding helps cover the cost of capital assets, which includes purchasing vehicles and supporting infrastructure (e.g., bus stops and charging stations) for a transit system.

See <https://housing-infrastructure.canada.ca/rural-trans-rural/index-eng.html> for details on the funding streams available, applicant guides, and additional information. If you have any questions related to this, feel free to reach out to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund team at RTSF-FSTCR@infc.gc.ca.

Note that the Municipal Infrastructure Division is not involved with this federal program; any questions must be directed to HICC.

Sincerely,



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